

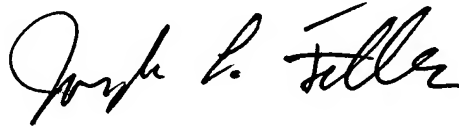
**Remarks**

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 remain pending. Claim 1 is currently amended.

Early and favorable examination is now requested.

If this paper is not timely filed, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time.  
The fees for such an extension, or any other fees which may be due, may be charged to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Felber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Felber" clearly distinguishable.

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